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AND ASSOCIATED METHOD

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RESPONSE

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 10, 2004, the period for response being until March 10, 2004, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election between the following allegedly patentably distinct inventions:

Group I      Claims 1-15, drawn to a method.

Group II      Claims 16-32, drawn to an apparatus.

Applicants hereby elect to proceed with prosecution of the Group I claims, namely claims 1-15.

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In view of this Response and these remarks, it is respectfully submitted  
that an Action on the merits of the elected claims is in order.

Respectfully submitted,

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